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## **DECISION ON PETITION**

This is in response to the petition filed February 25, 2004 (Paper No. 24), requesting that the above identified application be granted Special Status under M.P.E.P. Section 708.02 IV.

The petition has been considered and found not to comply with all the requirements set forth under M.P.E.P. Section 708.02 IV. Accordingly, the petition is denied.

To be made special based on age, applicant must be 65 years or older. In the instant application, applicant is 64 years of age. Accordingly, the petition is denied.

The above identified application will be assigned on brief in due course.

## PETITION DENIED

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